

out and defining the boundaries thereof; ratifying and validating the petition for such election, the order setting such petition down for hearing and notices thereof, the order calling such election and notices thereof, and all other orders passed by the commissioners court of said county in respect thereto, including the order declaring result of such election and the order authorizing the issuance of such bonds and levying a tax in payment thereof; authorizing all orders of the commissioners court and all certificates of the proper county officials made in pursuance of the issuance of such bonds to constitute legal evidence in all courts; authorizing the commissioners court and proper officials of Uvalde county to complete the issuance of such bonds; ratifying and validating the tax levied in payment of such bonds, and authorizing and directing the commissioners court of Uvalde county to levy, assess and collect annually a general ad valorem tax upon all taxable property in said Uvalde County Road District No. 1 sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and the principal thereof at maturity, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

COX of Lamar, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 11, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 657, "An Act to repeal Chapter 69, Acts Forty-first Legislature, First Called Session, page 182, relating to Hood county special road law, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

COX of Lamar, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 11, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 712, "An Act to exempt male persons residing in Lavaca county, Texas, and not within the corporate limits of any incorporated city, town or village, from road duty, and in lieu thereof requiring them to

pay to the county tax collector of said county the sum of three (\$3.00) dollars annually, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

COX of Lamar, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 11, 1931.

Hon. Fred H. Minor, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 94, "An Act to fix the salary of the county superintendent of public instruction and the county board of school trustees in each county in Texas having a population of not less than 18,425 nor not more than 18,435, according to the Federal census of 1930; providing for office expenses; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

COX of Lamar, Chairman.

TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

(Friday, March 13, 1931.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Minor.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	Dale.
Adams of Harris.	Daniel.
Adkins.	Davis.
Akin.	Dodd.
Albritton.	Donnell.
Alsop.	Dowell.
Anderson.	Dunlap.
Baker.	Duvall.
Barron.	Dwyer.
Beck.	Elliott.
Bedford.	Engelhard.
Bond.	Farmer.
Bounds.	Farrar.
Bradley.	Finn.
Bryant.	Fisher.
Burns	Forbes.
of McCulloch.	Gilbert.
Carpenter.	Goodman.
Caven.	Greathouse.
Claunch.	Hanson.
Coltrin.	Hardy.
Coombes.	Harman.
Cox of Lamar.	Harrison
Cox of Limestone.	of El Paso.
Cunningham.	

Harrison	Munson.
of Waller.	Murphy.
Hatchitt.	Nicholson.
Herzik.	O'Quinn.
Hill.	Patterson.
Hines.	Petsch.
Holder.	Pope.
Holloway.	Ramsey.
Hoskins.	Ratliff.
Howsley.	Ray.
Hubbard.	Reader.
Hughes.	Richardson.
Johnson	Rountree.
of Dallam.	Sanders.
Johnson	Satterwhite.
of Dimmit.	Scott.
Jones of Atascosa.	Shelton.
Justiss.	Sherrill.
Kayton.	Smith of Bastrop.
Kennedy.	Smith of Wood.
Laird.	Stephens.
Lasseter.	Stevenson.
Lee.	Strong.
Lemens.	Sullivant.
Leonard.	Tarwater.
Lockhart.	Terrell
Long.	of Cherokee.
McDougald.	Van Zandt.
McGill.	Vaughan.
McGregor.	Veatch.
Magee.	Wagstaff.
Martin.	Walker.
Mathis.	Warwick.
Mehl.	Weinert.
Metcalf.	West of Cameron.
Moffett.	Young.
Moore.	

Absent.

McCombs.	Westbrook.
Terrell	
of Val Verde.	

Absent—Excused.

Adams of Jasper.	Jones of Shelby.
Adamson.	Johnson of Morris.
Boyd.	Keller.
Brice.	Lilley.
Brooks.	Morse.
Burns of Walker.	Olsen.
DeWolfe.	Rogers.
Ferguson.	Savage.
Ford.	Sparkman.
Fuchs.	Steward.
Giles.	Towery.
Graves.	Turner.
Grogan.	West of Coryell.
Hefey.	Wiggs.
Holland.	Wyatt.
Jackson.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. John W. Holt, Chaplain.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Fuchs for today, on motion of Mr. Donnell.

Mr. Olsen for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Lockhart.

Mr. West of Coryell for today, on motion of Mr. Hanson.

Mr. DeWolfe for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Burns of McCulloch.

Mr. Towery for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Lee.

Mr. Giles for today, on motion of Mr. Carpenter.

Mr. Savage for today and tomorrow, on motion of Mr. Davis.

Mr. Boyd was granted leave of absence on motion of Mr. Ratliff, for today and tomorrow, on account of illness.

Mr. McCombs for today, on account of illness in his family, on motion of Mr. Beck.

HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Patterson, Mr. Howsley, Mr. Veatch, Mr. Holder, Mr. Albritton, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Duvall, Mr. Shelton, Mr. Greathouse and Mr. Hubbard:

H. B. No. 912, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the extension of the benefits of Senate bill No. 310, passed by the Regular Session of the Forty-second Legislature, to persons who have previously made leases and for the refunding to them the money heretofore paid, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands and Buildings.

By Mr. Holder:

H. B. No. 913, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for a school budget system for the purchase of school supplies for rural schools, providing regulations for the securing of bids, the acceptance of bids, the payment of bids for school supplies, and providing a penalty for the violation of this law, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Justiss and Mr. Harman:

H. B. No. 914, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide free textbooks for cities of ten thousand or over according to the last preceding United States census; to apportion money for that purpose; to secure lowest net prices; to provide for the carrying out of present State contracts; to provide supplementary reading; to regulate the textbook apportionment; to allow cities choice of methods of obtaining books; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Hines, Mr. Dodd and Mr. Hubbard:

H. B. No. 915, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful for any person in using a seine or net for the taking of any fish in Cass or Bowie counties to disturb, agitate or beat upon or in the waters at the time of using said seines or nets; fixing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Hardy:

H. B. No. 916, A bill to be entitled "An Act regulating the expenditure of appropriations made for departments of State government, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Duvall and Mr. Sherrill:

H. B. No. 917, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4545 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 by adding to said article a subsection 4545a, to provide that dentists from other States shall be permitted to practice in Texas by reciprocity upon proper showing, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Lemens (by request):

H. B. No. 918, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that mutual insurance companies organized under Chapter 40 of the Acts of the First Called Session of the Forty-first Legislature may write life insurance on the legal reserve plan provided that no such policies shall exceed one thousand dollars in amount, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Fisher:

H. B. No. 919, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the county commissioners of certain described counties to receive out of the general fund of the county expenses for the operation and upkeep of automobiles not exceeding fifty dollars per month, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Davis and Mr. Mathis:

H. B. No. 920, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Articles 610 and 611 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas as codified in 1925, and adding thereto Article 611a, providing that the pugilistic encounters prohibited in Articles 610 and 611 shall not apply to boxing contests which may be held under the auspices of colleges, clubs, voluntary associations and organizations which are not organized for profit or pecuniary gain, where the participants in such contests do not receive any cash remuneration for participating therein, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mrs. Rountree (by request):

H. B. No. 921, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing and directing the Board of Directors and other managing officers of A. and M. College to create and operate a Fireman's Training School as a part of said College, providing for the creation of a board to advise in the conducting of the same, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mrs. Rountree and Mr. Lilley:

H. B. No. 922, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the appointment of an investigator in Grimes county, Texas, by the commissioners court; fixing the compensation of such investigator and expenses incurred allowed him; providing a method of payment therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Grogan:

H. B. No. 923, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the commissioners court to provide for the vaccination of dogs against hydrophobia;

prescribing rules and regulations incident thereto, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Farmer:

H. B. No. 924, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for certain wages to be paid laborers and mechanics on public works; requiring certain provisions to be contained in all contracts for the construction of public works; providing that eight hours shall constitute a day's labor; declaring when contracts shall be void; enacting a penalty for injured laborers and mechanics; providing that this act shall not affect certain contracts, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Labor.

By Mr. Dowell:

H. B. No. 925, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful to hunt, take or kill any wild turkey, wild quail or wild dove in Caldwell county for a period of three years; fixing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Leonard:

H. B. No. 926, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 776 of the Revised Code of Criminal Procedure, 1925, which article relates to suspended sentences, by providing additional exceptions, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee to Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Leonard:

H. B. No. 927, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing certain requisites to the right of suffrage in certain named counties where the election therein concerns solely the district holding the election, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections.

By Mr. Anderson and Mr. Howsley:

H. B. No. 928, A bill to be entitled "An Act limiting the compensation of county and district officers to \$8000 per year; providing for an accounting of fees and other compensation; repealing conflicting laws; fixing effective date of bill, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Laird:

H. B. No. 929, A bill to be entitled "An Act to give and grant to Mrs. Laura Alice Clark, surviving widow of James L. Clark, deceased, leave and permission to prosecute, in the proper courts of Fort Bend county, Texas, suit against the State of Texas, and the members of the Texas Prison Board, in their official capacity only, for damages suffered by Mrs. Laura Alice Clark by reason of the death of said James L. Clark, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Anderson:

H. B. No. 930, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 7164, Chapter 6, Title 122, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1925 (relative to the rendition of real estate property for taxation), and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Harrison of El Paso and Mr. Farrar:

H. B. No. 931, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2039, Revised Statutes of 1925, by adding thereto an article to be designated Article 2039a, providing procedure and bond in suits where title or an interest in property is involved, or where property is to be sold under order of sale or writ of execution under any judgment where in any such suit citation was by publication and the defendant did not appear in person or attorney selected by him, and amending Article 2236, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, providing procedure and bond in case of new trials in cases in which judgment has been rendered on service of citation by publication, and the defendant did not appear in person or by attorney of his own selection, providing procedure as to suspension of execution and method of procedure and relief upon such bond in event property is sold under any such judgment, and repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Goodman (by request):

H. B. No. 932, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the county boards of certain counties to set aside an amount not to exceed \$600 to defray the expenses of the county superintendent and the county board of

trustees in the administration of scholastic affairs, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Stevenson:

H. B. No. 933, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the acquisition and acceptance of title to a tract of land in Bandera county being donated to the State of Texas to be used and maintained as a public park to be designated Bandera State Park, making an appropriation and directing how same shall be expended, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Holloway and Mrs. Rountree:

H. B. No. 934, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing married women to convey real property acquired by them prior to marriage, by purchase or inheritance without the joinder of the husband, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Laird:

H. B. No. 935, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 2 of Title 116 by adding to said chapter a new article, to be known as Article 5711a, providing that upon application of ten or more citizens living within or near any large enclosure of land shall order the opening and laying out of at least third class roads through said enclosures of land lying along or contiguous to public streams or public highways at intervals of at least five miles through said lands."

Referred to Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

By Mr. Laird:

H. B. No. 936, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that in counties of a certain population the sheriff may appoint certain deputies, with the consent of the commissioners court; providing the means and manner of appointment and payment of salaries, and prescribing the maximum salary, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Counties.

By Mr. Pope:

H. B. No. 937, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4754 of the

Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, relating to taxation of domestic insurance companies, so as to provide that such domestic insurance companies shall pay taxes on all their property, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Alsup (by request):

H. B. No. 938, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 924, Penal Code of Texas, 1925, and declaring an emergency."

(Relating to explosives and poisons in catching fish.)

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Duvall, Mr. Barron, Mr. Hanson, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Van Zandt, Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Hatchitt and Mr. Donnell:

H. B. No. 939, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7064 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and repealing that portion of said act relating to the investment by any insurance company of as much as one-fourth of its entire assets in certain real estate and other securities of this State or subdivision thereof for the purpose of reducing its taxes, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Petsch:

H. B. No. 940, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 917, Penal Code of Texas, 1925, relating to game preserves, by providing for the establishment of such preserves for a minimum period of two years."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. McGill:

H. B. No. 941, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the appointment of receivers for irrigation districts, under certain circumstances; prescribing the conditions thereof, defining the duties of the receiver and prescribing his powers, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Reclamation.

By Mr. Sanders:

H. B. No. 942, A bill to be entitled "An Act appropriating two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) per year, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the next two

fiscal years for the purpose of promoting the public school interest of rural schools and equalizing the school opportunities afforded by the State to all children of scholastic age living in small and financially weak districts, attaching conditions, regulations and limitations relative thereto, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Jones of Atascosa:

H. B. No. 943, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit the hunting, trapping, ensnaring, killing or possessing of any wild quail of any species or any wild turkey, or either of them, within the limits of the counties of Atascosa and Frio, State of Texas, for a period of five years from and after the passage of this act, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Moffett:

H. B. No. 944, A bill to be entitled "An Act to declare a State policy affecting the increased use and outlet for agricultural products, especially cotton; directing the various State departments to shape their activities in accordance herewith, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Petsch:

H. B. No. 945, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1445, Revised Statutes, 1925, relating to public utility reports and requiring the filing of separate reports in each city or town in which the corporation operates."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Leonard:

H. B. No. 946, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the county court of law of Hidalgo county, Texas; fixing and defining the jurisdiction and terms thereof, prescribing the qualifications, manner of appointment and elections, term of office, compensation and powers of the regular or special judge thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Laird:

H. B. No. 947, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an appropriation for

the benefit of Gore Common School District No. 32 at Hickbaugh, Tyler county, Texas, on account of recent destruction of school property in said district, directing the expenditure of said money, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Lockhart:

H. B. No. 948, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that fees in felony cases payable by the State shall be limited to three cases against the same defendant; repealing conflicting laws, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Wagstaff (by request):

H. B. No. 949, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that in cases where oil and gas have been developed under permits on river beds and leases issued, payment of annual rental shall not be required."

Referred to Committee on Oil, Gas and Mining.

By Mr. Wagstaff (by request):

H. B. No. 950, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 8 of Chapter 274 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature, which chapter relates to the regulation of local mutual aid associations paying death benefits operating an insurance business and paying benefits where funds are provided by assessments on members and which Section 8 thereof relates to such associations being mutual in character, and providing for non-personal capacity by virtue of any policy issued or claims arising thereon, by adding to said section 8 a provision authorizing such associations to issue policies of group insurance so that the same policy may cover the lives of two or more individuals who are members thereof, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Mr. Petsch:

H. B. No. 951, A bill to be entitled "An Act giving to the Lee Moore Contracting Company, its successors or assigns, consent of the Legislature to sue the State of Texas and the State Highway Commission, suit to be brought in either El Paso or Travis counties, growing out of the

construction of a twenty (20) mile strip on State Highway No. 130, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Hill:

H. B. No. 952, A bill to be entitled "An Act penalizing notaries public for failure to keep a complete record of their official acts."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Leonard:

H. B. No. 953, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing a method how lands lying in counties having an area of not less than fifteen hundred (1500) square miles, nor more than sixteen hundred (1600) square miles, according to figures in General Land Office, forming part of an irrigation district, water improvement district, water control and improvement district, or of any conservation or reclamation district either or both, or of any drainage or levee district, which now are or which may subsequently be incorporated, made part of and annexed to an incorporated city, may be taken out and excluded from such district or districts, so as to thereafter relieve said lands from any other taxes, charges or assessments in such district or districts, except their proportionate part of the bonded indebtedness existing against said district or districts at the time they are incorporated and made part of said incorporated city, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Reclamation.

By Mr. Holder:

H. B. No. 954, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for rendering rural aid to the rural schools of Texas, providing for the proper supervision of rural schools, for a study of the needs of the rural school system of this State, the allocation of aid, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mrs. Hughes:

H. B. No. 955, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 3, Title 51, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, by adding Articles 3202a and 3202b, providing for the payment, by the guardians, or other persons legally liable, for the support and

maintenance of children maintained and supported in certain State institutions and schools of Texas; authorizing the State Board of Control to fix the amount of such charges; make investigations concerning the ability of such persons to make payment thereof; providing the means and manner of collecting such charges, and for an additional method of discharge of such children from such institution, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Eleemosynary and Reformatory Institutions.

By Mr. Smith of Wood:

H. B. No. 956, A bill to be entitled "An Act relating to the performance of road duty in Wood county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

By Mr. Sullivant and Mr. Van Zandt:

H. B. No. 957, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2029, Chapter 3, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and declaring an emergency."

(Relating to citation against corporations and joint stock associations.)

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Mrs. Rountree, Mr. Fuchs, Mr. Lilley, Mr. Hardy et al.:

H. B. No. 958, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for topographic and other surveys and investigations by the Board of Water Engineers in the drainage area of the Brazos river and its tributary streams; authorizing acceptances of the co-operation of the Federal government, and making an appropriation therefor."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Reader and Mr. Finn:

H. B. No. 959, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 5095, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1925, and declaring an emergency."

(Relating to intoxicating liquor; Comptroller to furnish forms for the sale of.)

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Mr. Reader and Mr. Mehl:

H. B. No. 960, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish a system of public roads and bridges for Bexar county and to empower the commis-

sioners court thereof to provide rules and regulations therefor, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Highways and Motor Traffic.

By Mr. Beck:

H. B. No. 961, A bill to be entitled "An Act (1) to amend Section 14 of Chapter 280 of the Acts of the Forty-first Legislature of Texas, Regular Session, and clarifying the intent of said Section 14 as the same would relate to Section 132 of Chapter 25 of the Acts of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, Regular Session (relating to water control and improvement districts); (2) defining certain terms used in this act; (3) expressing the reasons for the enactment hereof and designating the statutory acts to be amended and clarified hereby; (4) to be Section 126 of said Chapter 25 and providing procedures whereby the district may exercise the right of eminent domain, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Conservation and Reclamation.

By Mr. Stevenson, Mr. Petsch, Mr. Bond, Mrs. Hughes, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Young, Mr. Johnson of Dimmit, Mr. Harrison of El Paso, Mr. Long, Mr. Ramsey, Mr. Leonard, and others:

H. B. No. 962, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1330, Title 32, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Municipal and Private Corporations.

By Mr. Bryant:

H. B. No. 963, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining unfair discrimination and prohibiting any person, firm, company, association or corporation engaged in the production, manufacture, sale or distribution of any commodity in general use in this State, from discriminating between different sections, communities, incorporated cities or towns of this State, for the purpose of destroying the business of a competitor in any locality, or for the purpose of fixing, maintaining, increasing or reducing the price of such commodity by selling or distributing such commodity, or permitting the sale or distribution of such commodity, at a different rate

or price in one section, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. McDougald, Mr. Nicholson and Mr. O'Quinn:

H. B. No. 964, A bill to be entitled "An Act releasing the inhabitants of and property in Orange county from the payment of taxes levied for State purposes for a period of twenty-five (25) years, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Sherrill:

H. B. No. 965, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing county attorneys in certain counties to conduct prosecutions in all cases of the grade of felony; providing that compensation therefor shall be received upon a fee basis, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Mr. Bradley (by request):

H. B. No. 966, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the attendance of the Attorney General of this State upon all hearings of the commissioners court when sitting as a board of equalization in any county of this State where the State has relinquished its ad valorem taxes to said county, either in whole or in part, for any purpose, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Martin:

H. B. No. 967, A bill to be entitled "An Act exempting moneys in the hands of guardians of beneficiaries of the Veterans' Bureau under the World War Veterans' Act from taxation and execution so long as such moneys remain under the control of such guardians, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING.

The following House joint resolutions were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to

the Committee on Constitutional Amendments:

By Mr. McGregor, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. Mathis, Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Weinert:

H. J. R. No. 42, Proposing an amendment to Section 1 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by providing therein that the homestead as now defined by the Constitution of this State and \$500 worth of household and kitchen furniture belonging to each family in this State shall be exempt from taxation for State purposes and shall not be subject to a State tax, and providing that the Governor shall make the necessary proclamation submitting same to the people and appropriating the sum of \$5000 for such purpose.

By Mr. Farmer:

H. J. R. No. 43, Proposing an amendment to Section 4 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the Legislature may exempt from taxation for a period not exceeding ten years all homesteads of laborers and factories for the manufacture of the raw products of Texas, making provision for holding the election, and providing an appropriation therefor.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Wood, House bills Nos. 846 and 776 were ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Alsup, House bill No. 907 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Johnson of Dimmit, House bill No. 864 was ordered not printed.

NOTICE GIVEN.

Mr. Duvall gave notice that he would on next Monday move to take up for consideration at that time, House bills Nos. 6 and 7.

SPECIAL ORDER SET.

On motion of Mr. Beck, House joint resolution No. 25 was set as a special order for 11 o'clock a. m. next Tuesday.

BILLS ORDERED PRINTED.

Mr. Hines moved that House bill No. 611, reported adversely with a minority favorable report, be printed.

Yeas and nays were demanded, and the motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—66.

Adkins.	Herzik.
Akin.	Hines.
Albritton.	Holder.
Alsup.	Holloway.
Baker.	Hoskins.
Barron.	Howsley.
Bounds.	Jones of Atascosa.
Burns	Justiss.
of McCulloch.	Kennedy.
Carpenter.	Laird.
Caven.	Lasseter.
Claunch.	Lee.
Coltrin.	Lockhart.
Coombes.	Magee.
Cox of Lamar.	Martin.
Cox of Limestone.	Mehl.
Cunningham.	Metcalfe.
Dale.	Pope.
Davis.	Ray.
Dodd.	Reader.
Donnell.	Richardson.
Dowell.	Rountree.
Dunlap.	Satterwhite.
Duvall.	Scott.
Dwyer.	Shelton.
Elliott.	Stephens.
Engelhard.	Strong.
Farmer.	Tarwater.
Farrar.	Terrell
Finn.	of Cherokee.
Fisher.	Veatch.
Gilbert.	Warwick.
Goodman.	Weinert.
Hanson.	Young.

Nays—36.

Adams of Harris.	Leonard.
Beck.	Long.
Bedford.	McDougald.
Bond.	McGill.
Daniel.	Mathis.
Forbes.	Moore.
Greathouse.	Munson.
Hardy.	Murphy.
Harman.	O'Quinn.
Harrison	Patterson.
of El Paso.	Petsch.
Harrison	Ratliff.
of Waller.	Sanders.
Hill.	Sherrill.
Hughes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Johnson	Sullivant.
of Dallam.	Van Zandt.
Johnson	Vaughan.
of Dimmit.	Wagstaff.
Kayton.	Walker.

Present—Not Voting.

Moffett.

Absent.

Anderson.	Ramsey.
Bradley.	Smith of Wood.
Bryant.	Stevenson.
Hatchitt.	Terrell
Hubbard.	of Val Verde.
Lemens.	Turner.
McCombs.	West of Cameron.
McGregor.	Westbrook.
Nicholson.	

Absent—Excused.

Adams of Jasper.	Jackson.
Adamson.	Johnson of Morris.
Boyd.	Jones of Shelby.
Brice.	Keller.
Brooks.	Lilley.
Burns of Walker.	Morse.
DeWolfe.	Olsen.
Ferguson.	Rogers.
Ford.	Savage.
Fuchs.	Sparkman.
Giles.	Steward.
Graves.	Towery.
Grogan.	West of Coryell.
Hefley.	Wiggs.
Holland.	Wyatt.

On motion of Mr. Cunningham, House bill No. 591, reported adversely with a minority favorable report, was ordered printed.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 524, "An Act appropriating the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary, payable out of the general revenue and not otherwise appropriated to pay the per diem of members, and to pay the salaries and per diem of officers and employes of the Forty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 525, "An Act making an appropriation of the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or so much as may be necessary, out of the general revenue of the State of Texas, to pay the contingent expenses of the Regular Session of the Forty-second Legislature of the State of Texas; providing how accounts may be approved, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 310, "An Act validating and making certain Sections 1 and 2

of Chapter 81, General Laws of the Second Called Session of the Thirty-sixth Legislature, being Articles 5367 and 5368 of Chapter 4, Title 86, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, of 1925, and relating to public school and asylum lands; providing that the original sales affecting lands with mineral reservation may be enlarged to include 15/16 of the minerals in the owners of the soil, reserving to the State 1/16 interest in said minerals as royalty; authorizing such owners to enlarge their original purchase of school and asylum lands to include 15/16 of oil and gas, or other minerals; authorizing the owner to develop and produce minerals, or lease, sell or contract said lands for the development and production of minerals; validating and confirming oil and gas leases heretofore made and sales or reservations of royalty and mineral interest; providing for the forfeiture of such leases under certain conditions, and providing that such forfeiture shall be in lieu of any claim for consideration or rental; providing that if any part of this act shall be held unconstitutional, it shall not affect the remaining provisions; providing that Articles 5369, 5370, 5371, 5372, 5373, 5374, 5375, 5376, 5377, 5378 and 5379 shall not apply where the owner of the soil has acquired the legal title to 15/16 of the minerals, and declaring an emergency."

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY OF
THE HOUSE TO HON. R. E.
MORSE.

Mr. McGregor offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Hon. R. E. Morse, a loved, valued and able member of this House from the city of Houston, is confined in the Baptist Hospital in the city of Houston, suffering from serious injuries sustained in an automobile accident; and

Whereas, This House holds Mr. Morse in deep affection and is anxious and solicitous for his early and complete recovery; and

Whereas, The House is desirous of conveying its sentiments of esteem and affection to Mr. Morse; therefore, be it

Resolved by the House, That the Clerk thereof convey a copy of this resolution, properly authenticated, to Mr. Morse; and be it further

Resolved, That the Hon. Walter Beck, a member of this House, be directed by the House to communicate daily with the hospital authorities at Houston to ascertain the progress or change in Mr. Morse's condition and report the same to this House each morning upon its convening until his condition is such that he may leave the hospital.

The resolution was read second time, and was adopted.

RELATIVE TO DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM.

Mr. Shelton offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Some members of the public press have construed the resolution expressing our loyalty to the Democratic party as an indorsement of J. J. Raskob and the efforts of the Democratic National Committee to commit the Democratic party to a program having for its purpose the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment or the modification of the laws enacted for its enforcement; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Forty-second Legislature of Texas goes on record as being opposed to the incorporation in the Democratic platform of 1932 of a plank advocating the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment or any weakening of the laws enacted for its enforcement.

Signed—Shelton, Dodd, Forbes, Sparkman, Donnell, Johnson of Dimmit, Kennedy, Bounds, Ray, Fisher, Scott, Dale, Cox of Limestone, Dowell, Stephens, Veatch, Graves.

The resolution was read second time.

(Mr. Van Zandt in the chair.)

Mr. Bond raised a point of order on further consideration of the resolution at this time on the ground that the time for the consideration of resolutions has expired.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

HOUSE BILL NO. 280 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 280, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing a more efficient road law for Falls county, Texas, authorizing the commissioners court of Falls county to issue bonds of said county for the purpose of funding or refunding indebtedness incurred for road and bridge purposes prior to February 1, 1931, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Kennedy, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

HOUSE BILL NO. 723 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 723, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make it unlawful to take or kill wild turkey for a period of five years in Haskell, Jones and Throckmorton counties, Texas; fixing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 723 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Ratliff moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 723 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—105.

Adams of Harris.	Cox of Lamar.
Adkins.	Cox of Limestone.
Akin.	Cunningham.
Albritton.	Dale.
Alsup.	Daniel.
Anderson.	Davis.
Baker.	Dodd.
Barron.	Donnell.
Beck.	Dowell.
Bedford.	Dunlap.
Bond.	Duvall.
Bounds.	Dwyer.
Bradley.	Elliott.
Bryant.	Farmer.
Burns.	Finn.
of McCulloch.	Fisher.
Carpenter.	Forbes.
Caven.	Goodman.
Claunch.	Greathouse.
Coltrin.	Hanson.
Coombes.	Hardy.

Harman.	Moore.
Harrison	Munson.
of El Paso.	Murphy.
Harrison	Nicholson.
of Waller.	O'Quinn.
Hatchitt.	Patterson.
Herzik.	Petsch.
Hill.	Pope.
Hines.	Ramsey.
Holder.	Ratliff.
Holloway.	Ray.
Hoskins.	Reader.
Howsley.	Richardson.
Hubbard.	Rountree.
Hughes.	Satterwhite.
Jackson.	Scott.
of Dallam.	Sherrill.
Johnson	Smith of Bastrop.
of Dimmit.	Smith of Wood.
Jones of Atascosa.	Stephens.
Justiss.	Strong.
Kayton.	Sullivant.
Kennedy.	Tarwater.
Laird.	Terrell
Lasseter.	of Cherokee.
Lee.	Van Zandt.
Leonard.	Vaughan.
Lockhart.	Veatch.
Long.	Wagstaff.
McDougald.	Walker.
Magee.	Warwick.
Martin.	Weinert.
Mathis.	West of Cameron.
Mehl.	Young.
Moffett.	

Absent.

Engelhard.	Sanders.
Farrar.	Shelton.
Gilbert.	Stevenson.
Lemens.	Terrell
McCombs.	of Val Verde.
McGill.	Turner.
McGregor.	Westbrook.
Metcalfe.	

Absent—Excused.

Adams of Jasper.	Johnson
Adamson.	Jones of Shelby.
Boyd.	Johnson of Morris.
Brice.	Keller.
Brooks.	Lilley.
Burns of Walker.	Morse.
DeWolfe.	Olsen.
Ferguson.	Rogers.
Ford.	Savage.
Fuchs.	Sparkman.
Giles.	Steward.
Graves.	Towery.
Grogan.	West of Coryell.
Hefley.	Wiggs.
Holland.	Wyatt.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 723 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—100.

Mr. Speaker.	Holloway.
Adams of Harris.	Hoskins.
Adkins.	Howsley.
Akin.	Hubbard.
Albritton.	Hughes.
Alsup.	Johnson
Anderson.	of Dimmit.
Baker.	Jones of Atascosa.
Barron.	Justiss.
Beck.	Kayton.
Bedford.	Kennedy.
Bond.	Laird.
Bounds.	Lee.
Bradley.	Leonard.
Bryant.	Lockhart.
Burns	Long.
of McCulloch.	McDougald.
Carpenter.	Magee.
Caven.	Martin.
Claunch.	Mathis.
Coltrin.	Mehl.
Coombes.	Moffett.
Cox of Lamar.	Moore.
Cox of Limestone.	Munson.
Cunningham.	Nicholson.
Dale.	O'Quinn.
Daniel.	Patterson.
Davis.	Petsch.
Dodd.	Pope.
Donnell.	Ramsey.
Dowell.	Ratliff.
Dunlap.	Ray.
Duvall.	Reader.
Dwyer.	Richardson.
Elliott.	Satterwhite.
Engelhard.	Scott.
Farmer.	Sherrill.
Fisher.	Smith of Bastrop.
Forbes.	Smith of Wood.
Goodman.	Stephens.
Greathouse.	Strong.
Hanson.	Sullivant.
Hardy.	Tarwater.
Harman.	Terrell
Harrison	of Cherokee.
of El Paso.	Van Zandt.
Harrison	Vaughan.
of Waller.	Walker.
Hatchitt.	Warwick.
Herzik.	Weinert.
Hill.	West of Cameron.
Hines.	Young.
Holder.	

Absent.

Farrar.	McGill.
Finn.	McGregor.
Gilbert.	Metcalfe.
Johnson	Murphy.
of Dallam.	Rountree.
Lasseter.	Sanders.
Lemens.	Shelton.
McCombs.	Stevenson.

Terrell
of Val Verde.
Veatch.

Wagstaff.
Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

Adams of Jasper.	Johnson of Morris.
Adamson.	Jones of Shelby.
Boyd.	Keller.
Brice.	Lilley.
Brooks.	Morse.
Burns of Walker.	Olsen.
DeWolfe.	Rogers.
Ferguson.	Savage.
Ford.	Sparkman.
Fuchs.	Steward.
Giles.	Towery.
Graves.	Turner.
Grogan.	West of Coryell.
Hefley.	Wiggs.
Holland.	Wyatt.
Jackson.	

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. Pat Daugherty, secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House, and being duly announced, presented the following message from the Governor, which was read to the House, as follows:

Executive Office,
March 13, 1931.

To the Forty-second Legislature of the State of Texas:

I wish to call your attention to the demand of the Democratic platform calling for regulation of public utilities, and ask your kind indulgence of this short message.

At this time the public utilities rendering telephone, telegraph, gas and power service in this State constitute one of our largest and most consolidated business enterprises. Less than a dozen companies control and own an investment in Texas of many, many millions of dollars yielding an annual income in excess of two hundred million dollars. Virtually every man, woman and child must daily use one or more of the services rendered by these utilities. In such use consumers can exercise no option; they must accept the character of service tendered and pay the charge fixed by the utility, regardless of whether it may be reasonable and just, or unreasonable and unfair. These utilities enjoy, in addition to their privileges of natural monopoly, the right of eminent domain. Therefore, they are virtually unlimited in their power and privileges of operation.

If there is anything in the contention of the persons opposed to the efficient regulation of our utilities, they might as well gracefully argue for the abolition of the Interstate Commerce Commission and every State Railroad Commission in the United States. As a matter of course, there is no justification for such contention. In the very nature of things the regulation of public utilities is fundamentally sound.

In my opinion there is no subject of legislation now pending before the Legislature which is of greater importance than that providing for efficient utility regulation. The tremendous amount of business, the extensiveness of the operation, the necessity of their service, the protecting of the rights of the people, require the establishment of an independent and well financed commission in order that effective regulation might be truly accomplished. Additional bureaus and commissions as a matter of course should not be established except in case of extreme public necessity. The utility situation presents such a case, and makes the investment one of immediate necessity. The commissioners must be men of business experience.

From a study of the various bills, I am generally committed to what is termed the city attorney's bill in preference to the others pending before your bodies. I recognize at the same time that it may contain some features to which the utilities may have just objections. The contrary is also true, doubtless, on the part of the city attorneys pertaining to some of the other bills. I feel certain that notwithstanding these differences, the views of the contending factions can be compromised and still enable the passage of a law producing positive regulation. And in view of the present conditions, I respectfully urge every member of the Legislature to use his best effort to pass a utility bill productive of efficient regulation.

Respectfully,

R. S. STERLING,
Governor.

BILL RE-REFERRED.

On motion of Mr. Harrison of El Paso, House bill No. 908 was withdrawn from the Committee on State Affairs and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

HOUSE BILL NO. 882 ON SECOND
READING.

On motion of Mr. Patterson the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 882, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that certain cities having the population requirements set forth therein may acquire and own special assessment certificates issued in connection with street improvements, that such cities may pledge and impound said certificates as the basis for the issuance of special improvement bonds subject to the limitations and provisions of this act, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House and it was read second time.

Mrs. Hughes raised a point of order on further consideration of the bill at this time on the ground that the bill is a general bill and has not been printed in compliance with the rules of the House.

The Speaker overruled the point of order.

Mr. Beck asked unanimous consent of the House to have House bill No. 882 withdrawn from further consideration of the House at this time, and that the bill be printed in mimeograph form and laid on the desks of the members.

HOUSE BILL NO. 725 ON SECOND
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 725, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing any navigation district organized or hereafter to be organized under any of the provisions of the Constitution or laws of this State, created for the development of deep water navigation, having within its limits a city now operating under special charter originally granted by the Legislature and having between 27,000 and 28,000 inhabitants, as shown by the last Federal census, to borrow money and to mortgage and encumber any part or all of its properties and facilities and the franchise and revenues and income from the operation thereof and everything pertaining thereto, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 725 ON THIRD
READING.

Mr. Pope moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 725 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—104.

Mr. Speaker.	Johnson
Adams of Harris.	of Dimmit.
Adkins.	Jones of Atascosa.
Akin.	Justiss.
Albritton.	Kayton.
Alsup.	Kennedy.
Baker.	Laird.
Barron.	Lasseter.
Beck.	Lee.
Bounds.	Lemens.
Bryant.	Leonard.
Burns	Lockhart.
of McCulloch.	Long.
Carpenter.	McDougald.
Caven.	McGill.
Claunch.	Magee.
Coltrin.	Martin.
Coombes.	Mathis.
Cox of Lamar.	Mehl.
Cox of Limestone.	Metcalfe.
Cunningham.	Moffett.
Dale.	Moore.
Daniel.	Munson.
Davis.	Murphy.
Dodd.	Nicholson.
Donnell.	Patterson.
Dowell.	Petsch.
Dunlap.	Pope.
Dwyer.	Ramsey.
Elliott.	Ratliff.
Engelhard.	Ray.
Fisher.	Reader.
Forbes.	Richardson.
Gilbert.	Rountree.
Goodman.	Sanders.
Greathouse.	Satterwhite.
Hanson.	Sherrill.
Hardy.	Smith of Bastrop.
Harman.	Smith of Wood.
Harrison	Stephens.
of El Paso.	Stevenson.
Harrison	Strong.
of Waller.	Sullivant.
Hatchitt.	Tarwater.
Herzik.	Terrell
Hill.	of Val Verde.
Hines.	Van Zandt.
Holder.	Vaughan.
Holloway.	Veatch.
Hoskins.	Wagstaff.
Howsley.	Walker.
Hubbard.	Warwick.
Hughes.	Weinert.
Johnson	West of Cameron.
of Dallam.	Young.

Present—Not Voting.

Farmer.	O'Quinn.
Absent.	
Anderson.	McCombs.
Bedford.	McGregor.
Bond.	Scott.
Bradley.	Shelton.
Duvall.	Terrell
Farrar.	of Cherokee.
Finn.	Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

Adams of Jasper.	Johnson of Morris.
Adamson.	Jones of Shelby.
Boyd.	Keller.
Brice.	Lilley.
Brooks.	Morse.
Burns of Walker.	Olsen.
DeWolfe.	Rogers.
Ferguson.	Savage.
Ford.	Sparkman.
Fuchs.	Steward.
Giles.	Towery.
Graves.	Turner.
Grogan.	West of Coryell.
Hefley.	Wiggs.
Holland.	Wyatt.
Jackson.	

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 725 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—105.

Mr. Speaker.	Dunlap.
Adams of Harris.	Dwyer.
Adkins.	Elliott.
Akin.	Engelhard.
Albritton.	Farmer.
Alsup.	Finn.
Baker.	Fisher.
Barron.	Forbes.
Beck.	Gilbert.
Bond.	Goodman.
Bounds.	Greathouse.
Bryant.	Hanson.
Burns	Hardy.
of McCulloch.	Harman.
Carpenter.	Harrison
Caven.	of El Paso.
Claunch.	Harrison
Coltrin.	of Waller.
Coombes.	Hatchitt.
Cox of Lamar.	Herzik.
Cox of Limestone.	Hill.
Cunningham.	Hines.
Dale.	Holder.
Daniel.	Holloway.
Davis.	Hoskins.
Dodd.	Howsley.
Donnell.	Hubbard.
Dowell.	Hughes.

Johnson	Petsch.
of Dallam.	Pope.
Johnson	Ramsey.
of Dimmit.	Ratliff.
Jones of Atascosa.	Ray.
Justiss.	Reader.
Kayton.	Richardson.
Kennedy.	Rountree.
Laird.	Sanders.
Lasseter.	Satterwhite.
Lee.	Smith of Bastrop.
Lemens.	Smith of Wood.
Leonard.	Stephens.
Lockhart.	Stevenson.
McDougald.	Strong.
McGill.	Sullivant.
Magee.	Tarwater.
Martin.	Terrell
Mathis.	of Cherokee.
Mehl.	Vaughan.
Metcalfe.	Veatch.
Moffett.	Wagstaff.
Moore.	Walker.
Munson.	Warwick.
Murphy.	Weinert.
Nicholson.	West of Cameron.
O'Quinn.	Young.
Patterson.	

Absent.

Anderson.	Scott.
Bedford.	Shelton.
Bradley.	Sherrill.
Duvall.	Terrell
Farrar.	of Val Verde.
Long.	Van Zandt.
McCombs.	Westbrook.
McGregor.	

Absent—Excused.

Adams of Jasper.	Johnson of Morris.
Adamson.	Jones of Shelby.
Boyd.	Keller.
Brice.	Lilley.
Brooks.	Morse.
Burns of Walker.	Olsen.
DeWolfe.	Rogers.
Ferguson.	Savage.
Ford.	Sparkman.
Fuchs.	Steward.
Giles.	Towery.
Graves.	Turner.
Grogan.	West of Coryell.
Hefley.	Wiggs.
Holland.	Wyatt.
Jackson.	

Mr. Beck moved a call of the House for the purpose of maintaining a quorum until 12 o'clock m. today, and the call was duly ordered.

The Speaker then directed the Doorkeeper to close the main entrance to the Hall, and instructed the Sergeant-at-Arms to lock all other doors leading from the Hall, and stated that

no member would be permitted to leave the Hall without written permission from the Speaker.

On motion of Mr. Beck, the Sergeant-at-Arms was instructed to bring in all absent members within the city who are not ill.

The roll of the House was called, and the Speaker announced that there was a quorum present.

HOUSE BILL NO. 736 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 736, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful to hunt or kill any wild turkey or wild deer in Panola county for a period of five years; fixing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 739 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 739, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the compensation of county commissioners in counties having a population of not more than six thousand three hundred twenty (6320) and not less than six thousand three hundred ten (6310), according to the United States census of 1930, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 754 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 754, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for a rural school supervisor in certain counties in lieu of teachers' institutes; prescribing the duties of said supervisor; providing for visits of schools of the county and work in co-operation with the teachers, under the direction of the county school superintendent; prescribing the salary of said supervisor and how it shall be paid; providing other things incidental to said purpose, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 758 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 758, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the members of the commissioners courts of counties of not less than 15,775 and not more than 15,785 inhabitants to receive a monthly allowance for car expense not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50) each month; providing for filing sworn accounts, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 793 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 793, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it unlawful to hunt, shoot or kill any wild deer in Houston county, Texas, within two years from the passage of this act; fixing the penalty, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 795 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 795, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6269 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by the Acts of 1929, Forty-first Legislature, First Called Session, page 283, Chapter 113, providing for deputies in any county having a population of more than 130,000 and less than 150,000 inhabitants, as shown by the latest United States census, and containing two cities of 50,000 or more population, each, as shown by said census, said county composing two or more judicial districts, by adding Section 6869a; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the amendment herewith provided for, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 795 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. O'Quinn moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended

and that House bill No. 795 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—104.

Mr. Speaker.	Johnson
Adams of Harris.	of Dimmit.
Adkins.	Jones of Atascosa.
Akin.	Justiss.
Albritton.	Kayton.
Alsup.	Kennedy.
Baker.	Laird.
Barron.	Lasseter.
Beck.	Lee.
Bond.	Lemens.
Bounds.	Leonard.
Bryant.	Lockhart.
Burns	Long.
of McCulloch.	McDougald.
Carpenter.	McGill.
Caven.	Magee.
Claunch.	Martin.
Coltrin.	Mathis.
Coombes.	Mehl.
Cox of Lamar.	Metcalfe.
Cunningham.	Moffett.
Dale.	Moore.
Daniel.	Munson.
Davis.	Murphy.
Dodd.	Nicholson.
Donnell.	O'Quinn.
Dowell.	Patterson.
Dunlap.	Petsch.
Duvall.	Pope.
Dwyer.	Ramsey.
Elliott.	Ratliff.
Engelhard.	Ray.
Finn.	Reader.
Forbes.	Richardson.
Gilbert.	Rountree.
Goodman.	Sanders.
Greathouse.	Satterwhite.
Hanson.	Sherrill.
Hardy.	Smith of Bastrop.
Harman.	Smith of Wood.
Harrison	Stephens.
of Waller.	Stevenson.
Hatchitt.	Strong.
Herzik.	Sullivant.
Hill.	Tarwater.
Hines.	Terrell of Cherokee.
Holder.	Van Zandt.
Holloway.	Vaughan.
Hoskins.	Wagstaff.
Howsley.	Walker.
Hubbard.	Warwick.
Hughes.	Weinert.
Johnson	West of Cameron.
of Dallam.	Young.

Nays—2.

Farmer. Fisher.

Absent.

Anderson. Bedford.

Bradley.	Scott.
Cox of Limestone.	Shelton.
Farrar.	Terrell
Harrison	of Val Verde.
of El Paso.	Veatch.
McCombs.	Westbrook.
McGregor.	

Absent—Excused.

Adams of Jasper.	Johnson of Morris.
Adamson.	Jones of Shelby.
Boyd.	Keller.
Brice.	Lilley.
Brooks.	Morse.
Burns of Walker.	Olsen.
DeWolfe.	Rogers.
Ferguson.	Savage.
Ford.	Sparkman.
Fuchs.	Steward.
Giles.	Towery.
Graves.	Turner.
Grogan.	West of Coryell.
Hefley.	Wiggs.
Holland.	Wyatt.
Jackson.	

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 795 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—100.

Mr. Speaker.	Gilbert.
Adams of Harris.	Goodman.
Adkins.	Greathouse.
Akin.	Hanson.
Albritton.	Hardy.
Alsup.	Harman.
Baker.	Harrison
Barron.	of Waller.
Beck.	Hatchitt.
Bond.	Herzik.
Bounds.	Hill.
Bryant.	Hines.
Burns	Holder.
of McCulloch.	Holloway.
Carpenter.	Howsley.
Caven.	Hubbard.
Claunch.	Hughes.
Coltrin.	Johnson
Cox of Lamar.	of Dallam.
Cox of Limestone.	Johnson
Cunningham.	of Dimmit.
Dale.	Jones of Atascosa.
Daniel.	Justiss.
Davis.	Kayton.
Dodd.	Kennedy.
Dowell.	Laird.
Dunlap.	Lasseter.
Duvall.	Lee.
Elliott.	Leonard.
Engelhard.	Lockhart.
Finn.	Long.
Fisher.	McDougald.
Forbes.	McGill.

Magee.	Sanders.
Mathis.	Satterwhite.
Mehl.	Sherrill.
Metcalfe.	Smith of Bastrop.
Moffett.	Smith of Wood.
Moore.	Stephens.
Munson.	Stevenson.
Murphy.	Strong.
Nicholson.	Sullivant.
O'Quinn.	Tarwater.
Patterson.	Van Zandt.
Petsch.	Vaughan.
Pope.	Veatch.
Ramsey.	Wagstaff.
Ratliff.	Walker.
Ray.	Warwick.
Reader.	Weinert.
Richardson.	West of Cameron.
Rountree.	Young.

Nays—2.

Farmer.	Terrell of Cherokee.
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Absent.

Anderson.	Lemens.
Bedford.	McCombs.
Bradley.	McGregor.
Coombes.	Martin.
Donnell.	Scott.
Dwyer.	Shelton.
Farrar.	Terrell
Harrison	of Val Verde.
of El Paso.	Westbrook.
Hoskins.	

Absent—Excused.

Adams of Jasper.	Johnson of Morris.
Adamson.	Jones of Shelby.
Boyd.	Keller.
Brice.	Lilley.
Brooks.	Morse.
Burns of Walker.	Olsen.
DeWolfe.	Rogers.
Ferguson.	Savage.
Ford.	Sparkman.
Fuchs.	Steward.
Giles.	Towery.
Graves.	Turner.
Grogan.	West of Coryell.
Hefley.	Wiggs.
Holland.	Wyatt.
Jackson.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 796 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 796, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3902 of the Revised Statutes of 1925, as amended by the Acts of 1929, Forty-first Legislature, Chapter 92, page 225, providing for the appointment and compen-

sation of first assistants, heads of departments, other assistants, stenographers, clerks and investigators in the office of the county attorney in any county having a population of more than 130,000 and less than 150,000 inhabitants, as shown by the latest United States census, and containing two cities of 50,000 or more population, each, as shown by said census, said county composing two or more judicial districts, and having no district attorney, by adding Section 3902e; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the amendment herewith provided for, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 796 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. McDougald moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 796 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—101.

Mr. Speaker.	Gilbert.
Adams of Harris.	Goodman.
Adkins.	Greathouse.
Akin.	Hanson.
Albritton.	Hardy.
Alsup.	Harman.
Baker.	Harrison
Barron.	of El Paso.
Beck.	Harrison
Bounds.	of Waller.
Bryant.	Herzik.
Burns	Hill.
of McCulloch.	Hines.
Carpenter.	Holder.
Caven.	Holloway.
Claunch.	Hoskins.
Coltrin.	Howsley.
Coombes.	Hubbard.
Cox of Lamar.	Hughes.
Cunningham.	Johnson
Dale.	of Dallam.
Daniel.	Johnson
Davis.	of Dimmit.
Dodd.	Jones of Atascosa.
Donnell.	Justiss.
Dowell.	Kayton.
Dunlap.	Kennedy.
Duvall.	Laird.
Dwyer.	Lasseter.
Elliott.	Lee.
Engelhard.	Lemens.
Farmer.	Leonard.
Finn.	Lockhart.
Forbes.	Long.

McDougald.	Richardson.
McGill.	Rountree.
Magee.	Sanders.
Martin.	Satterwhite.
Mathis.	Smith of Bastrop.
Mehl.	Smith of Wood.
Metcalfe.	Stephens.
Moffett.	Stevenson.
Moore.	Sullivant.
Munson.	Tarwater.
Murphy.	Van Zandt.
Nicholson.	Vaughan.
O'Quinn.	Veatch.
Patterson.	Wagstaff.
Petsch.	Walker.
Pope.	Warwick.
Ramsey.	Weinert.
Ratliff.	West of Cameron.
Ray.	Young.

Nays—2.

Fisher.	Terrell
	of Cherokee.

Absent.

Anderson.	Reader.
Bedford.	Scott.
Bond.	Shelton.
Bradley.	Sherrill.
Cox of Limestone.	Strong.
Farrar.	Terrell
Hatchitt.	of Val Verde.
McCombs.	Westbrook.
McGregor.	

Absent—Excused.

Adams of Jasper.	Johnson of Morris.
Adamson.	Jones of Shelby.
Boyd.	Keller.
Brice.	Lilley.
Brooks.	Morse.
Burns of Walker.	Olsen.
DeWolfe.	Rogers.
Ferguson.	Savage.
Ford.	Sparkman.
Fuchs.	Steward.
Giles.	Towery.
Graves.	Turner.
Grogan.	West of Coryell.
Hefley.	Wiggs.
Holland.	Wyatt.
Jackson.	

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 796 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time, and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—102.

Mr. Speaker.	Baker.
Adams of Harris.	Barron.
Adkins.	Beck.
Albritton.	Bond.
Alsup.	Bounds.

Bryant.	Kennedy.
Burns	Laird.
of McCulloch.	Lemens.
Carpenter.	Leonard.
Caven.	Lockhart.
Claunch.	Long.
Coltrin.	McDougald.
Coombes.	McGill.
Cox of Lamar.	Magee.
Cox of Limestone.	Martin.
Cunningham.	Mathis.
Dale.	Mehl.
Daniel.	Metcalfe.
Davis.	Moffett.
Donnell.	Moore.
Dowell.	Munson.
Dunlap.	Murphy.
Dwyer.	Nicholson.
Elliott.	O'Quinn.
Engelhard.	Patterson.
Finn.	Petsch.
Fisher.	Pope.
Forbes.	Ramsey.
Goodman.	Ratliff.
Greathouse.	Ray.
Hanson.	Reader.
Hardy.	Richardson.
Harman.	Rountree.
Harrison	Sanders.
of El Paso.	Satterwhite.
Harrison	Sherrill.
of Waller.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hatchitt.	Smith of Wood.
Herzik.	Stephens.
Hill.	Stevenson.
Hines.	Strong.
Holder.	Sullivant.
Holloway.	Tarwater.
Hoskins.	Terrell
Howsley.	of Cherokee.
Hubbard.	Van Zandt.
Hughes.	Vaughan.
Johnson	Veatch.
of Dallam.	Wagstaff.
Johnson	Walker.
of Dimmit.	Warwick.
Jones of Atascosa.	Weinert.
Justiss.	West of Cameron.
Kayton.	Young.

Nays—1.

Farmer.

Present—Not Voting.

Akin.	Dodd.
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Absent.

Anderson.	McCombs.
Bedford.	McGregor.
Bradley.	Scott.
Duvall.	Shelton.
Farrar.	Terrell
Gilbert.	of Val Verde.
Lasseter.	Westbrook.
Lee.	

Absent—Excused.

Adams of Jasper.	Johnson of Morris.
Adamson.	Jones of Shelby.
Boyd.	Keller.
Brice.	Lilley.
Brooks.	Morse.
Burns of Walker.	Olsen.
DeWolfe.	Rogers.
Ferguson.	Savage.
Ford.	Sparkman.
Fuchs.	Steward.
Giles.	Towery.
Graves.	Turner.
Grogan.	West of Coryell.
Hefley.	Wiggs.
Holland.	Wyatt.
Jackson.	

HOUSE BILL NO. 804 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 804, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the compensation of deputies and assistants to county and district officers in counties having a population of not less than 48,935 and not more than 49,000, according to the last United States census, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Caven offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 804 by striking out the words "last census" wherever they occur in the bill and substituting in lieu thereof the words "1930 census," and amend the caption accordingly.

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 804 was then passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 808 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 808, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it lawful to take or catch catfish, perch, buffalo and drum in any of the waters of Delta, Hopkins or Franklin counties with a seine having meshes two inches square, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 808 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Stephens moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be sus-

pending and that House bill No. 808 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—103.

Mr. Speaker.	Johnson
Adams of Harris.	of Dallam.
Adkins.	Johnson
Akin.	of Dimmit.
Albritton.	Jones of Atascosa.
Alsup.	Justiss.
Baker.	Kayton.
Barron.	Kennedy.
Beck.	Laird.
Bond.	Lasseter.
Bounds.	Lee.
Bryant.	Lemens.
Burns	Leonard.
of McCulloch.	Lockhart.
Carpenter.	Long.
Claunch.	McDougald.
Coombes.	McGill.
Cox of Limestone.	Magee.
Cunningham.	Martin.
Dale.	Mathis.
Daniel.	Mehl.
Davis.	Metcalf.
Dodd.	Moffett.
Donnell.	Moore.
Dowell.	Munson.
Dunlap.	Murphy.
Duvall.	Nicholson.
Dwyer.	Patterson.
Elliott.	Petsch.
Engelhard.	Pope.
Finn.	Ramsey.
Fisher.	Ratliff.
Forbes.	Ray.
Gilbert.	Richardson.
Goodman.	Sanders.
Greathouse.	Sherrill.
Hanson.	Smith of Bastrop.
Hardy.	Smith of Wood.
Harman.	Stephens.
Harrison	Stevenson.
of El Paso.	Strong.
Harrison	Sullivant.
of Waller.	Tarwater.
Hatchitt.	Terrell
Herzik.	of Cherokee.
Hill.	Van Zandt.
Hines.	Vaughan.
Holder.	Veatch.
Holloway.	Wagstaff.
Hoskins.	Walker.
Howesley.	Warwick.
Hubbard.	Weinert.
Hughes.	West of Cameron.
	Young.

Present—Not Voting.

Farmer.

Absent.

Anderson.

Bedford.

Bradley.	Reader.
Caven.	Rountree.
Coltrin.	Satterwhite.
Cox of Lamar.	Scott.
Farrar.	Shelton.
McCombs.	Terrell
McGregor.	of Val Verde.
O'Quinn.	Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

Adams of Jasper.	Johnson of Morris.
Adamson.	Jones of Shelby.
Boyd.	Keller.
Brice.	Lilley.
Brooks.	Morse.
Burns of Walker.	Olsen.
DeWolfe.	Rogers.
Ferguson.	Savage.
Ford.	Sparkman.
Fuchs.	Steward.
Giles.	Towery.
Graves.	Turner.
Grogan.	West of Coryell.
Hefley.	Wiggs.
Holland.	Wyatt.
Jackson.	

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 808 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—103.

Mr. Speaker.	Farmer.
Adams of Harris.	Finn.
Adkins.	Fisher.
Akin.	Forbes.
Albritton.	Gilbert.
Alsop.	Goodman.
Baker.	Greathouse.
Barron.	Hanson.
Beck.	Hardy.
Bond.	Harman.
Bounds.	Harrison
Bryant.	of El Paso.
Burns	Harrison
of McCulloch.	of Waller.
Carpenter.	Hatchitt.
Caven.	Herzik.
Claunch.	Hill.
Coltrin.	Hines.
Coombs.	Holder.
Cox of Limestone.	Holloway.
Cunningham.	Hoskins.
Dale.	Howsley.
Daniel.	Hubbard.
Davis.	Hughes.
Dodd.	Johnson
Donnell.	of Dallam.
Dowell.	Johnson
Dunlap.	of Dimmit.
Duvall.	Jones of Atascosa.
Dwyer.	Justiss.
Elliott.	Kayton.
Engelhard.	Keller.

Kennedy.	Ramsey.
Lasseter.	Ratliff.
Lee.	Ray.
Lemens.	Richardson.
Leonard.	Sanders.
Lockhart.	Satterwhite.
Long.	Sherrill.
McDougald.	Smith of Bastrop.
McGill.	Smith of Wood.
Magee.	Stephens.
Martin.	Stevenson.
Mathis.	Sullivant.
Mehl.	Tarwater.
Metcalfe.	Terrell of Cherokee.
Moffett.	Van Zandt.
Moore.	Vaughan.
Munson.	Veatch.
Murphy.	Wagstaff.
Nicholson.	Walker.
O'Quinn.	Warwick.
Petsch.	West of Cameron.
Pope.	Young.

Absent.

Anderson.	Reader.
Bedford.	Rountree.
Bradley.	Scott.
Cox of Lamar.	Shelton.
Farrar.	Strong.
Laird.	Terrell
McCombs.	of Val Verde.
McGregor.	Weinert.
Patterson.	Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

Adams of Jasper.	Jackson.
Adamson.	Johnson of Morris.
Boyd.	Jones of Shelby.
Brice.	Lilley.
Brooks.	Morse.
Burns of Walker.	Olsen.
DeWolfe.	Rogers.
Ferguson.	Savage.
Ford.	Sparkman.
Fuchs.	Steward.
Giles.	Towery.
Graves.	Turner.
Grogan.	West of Coryell.
Hefley.	Wiggs.
Holland.	Wyatt.

(Speaker in the chair.)

HOUSE BILL NO. 820 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 820, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that counties having a population of not less than 325,700 and not more than 325,900 shall have the authority to establish, own and operate a parental home and

school for the care and training of dependent and delinquent youth, providing for defraying the expenses thereof, the administration of said home, providing for the commitment of individuals, validating bonds issued for such purpose, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Holder offered the following amendment to the bill:

Insert "1930" when necessary.

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 820 was then passed to engrossment.

BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. West of Cameron, House bill No. 720 was ordered not printed.

On motion of Mr. Caven, House bill No. 851 was ordered not printed.

ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Satterwhite, the House, at 12:10 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

APPENDIX.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following committees have filed favorable reports on bills as follows:

Agriculture: House bills Nos. 419, 73 and 500.

Criminal Jurisprudence: House bill No. 297.

Constitutional Amendments: House joint resolutions Nos. 25 and 23.

Judiciary: House bills Nos. 879, 864, 120, 809, 227 and 877.

State Affairs: House bills Nos. 493, 519, 494, 495 and 518.

Criminal Jurisprudence: Senate bill No. 40 and House bills Nos. 867 and 738.

Game and Fisheries: House bills Nos. 860, 851, 907, 846, 776 and 274.

The following committees have filed adverse reports on bills as follows:

Agriculture: House bill No. 449.

Judiciary: House bills Nos. 173 and 861.

State Affairs: House bill No. 753.

Oil, Gas and Mining: House bill No. 585.

Public Health: Senate bill No. 103.

ADDRESS BY HON. PAT M. NEFF.

The following address of Hon. Pat M. Neff, as delivered at the memorial services of Major and Mrs. Benjamin Franklin Bryant, was ordered printed in the Journal:

"Address by former Governor Pat M. Neff in the House of Representatives, March 10, 1931, at a joint session of the House and Senate, on the occasion of the reinterment of the remains of Major Benjamin Franklin Bryant, a San Jacinto hero, and his wife, Roxana Price Bryant.

"The address is published in the Journal on the authority of the following motion made by Representative Farmer of Tarrant county:

"Mr. Speaker: I move that Governor Neff be requested, by the Speaker, to give to this House a copy of that gem of historic recitation, beautiful diction, fervid patriotism, and glowing memorial to the memory of one of Texas' noble dead, which he delivered before the joint session of the House and Senate this morning; and that the said address be ordered published in the Journal of the House as soon as it can be received."

"(The address was stenographically reported by stenographers of the Legislature, without Mr. Neff's knowledge.)"

Members of the Legislature and Friends of Texas:

One hundred and thirty-one years ago this week, in an unpretentious home, nestled among the red hills of Georgia, a baby boy was born. The parents of this child christened him Benjamin Franklin Bryant. The fact that the child was named Benjamin Franklin is strongly suggestive that he was born in a home of patriotism, culture, and refinement.

The years passed, and this lad migrated to South Carolina. There, with buoyant hopes and ambition beating high, he wooed and won the hand and heart of Miss Roxana Price, one of South Carolina's charming daughters. The years passed on, and when this Georgia youth had reached thirty-four years of age, eighteen months before the Declaration of Texas Independence, possessing as he did, the pioneer spirit, he, with wife and children, journeyed in a wagon from South Carolina and settled in Shelby

county, Texas, then a province of Mexico, in the faith that the "home of the brave" would finally be "the land of the free."

In 1836 information reached Mr. Bryant at his Shelby county home that General Sam Houston and a little band of Texas soldiers were retreating before the onward and triumphant march of Santa Anna's destructive army. Gathering resolution from hope and courage from danger, Mr. Bryant made a Paul Revere ride among his neighbors in Shelby county, calling them to arms. He organized a company and, hastily kissing his wife and children goodbye, rode with his men on swift-footed horses, to come in contact with Houston's retreating army. They rode through the marshes, through the pines, through the wilderness, and out on the open prairie, until they found Houston's army on the east bank of the Brazos river near Washington. Bryant there and then gave to General Houston his hand and pledged to him his life and his fortune, as he and his men plighted to fight by his side for the freedom and independence of Texas.

On the field of San Jacinto Major Bryant and his Shelby county neighbors, forming a part of the volunteer army of Texas, fought with becoming gallantry and marked distinction in the epoch-making battle that won for Texas her freedom. When the battle was over, the victory won, and Santa Anna captured, with the star of a new republic shining in the sky, and peace abounding everywhere, Major Bryant, true to the impulses of a patriotic citizen-soldier, returned to his family and friends in Shelby county.

It was not long until General Houston, knowing his courage and bravery, conscripted his services to guard the Mexican border and to protect the people of Texas from Indian depredations. Major Bryant for years rendered brave and patriotic services in dealing with the Indians. He handled them by peaceful methods when possible, but when the occasion demanded, he took his faithful rifle and made "good Indians" out of them.

In 1839 near the town of Marlin, Major Bryant commanded fifty-two Texas men in a bloody, hand-to-hand fight with a band of Indians. Fifteen of his men were killed, and he himself was seriously wounded. In this

way, for many years he stood as a bulwark between the homes of Texans and the wigwams of the Indians. When peace was restored, Major Bryant retired with his family to Milam county, where he became a landowner and a home builder.

In 1857 he joined his comrades in "the silent halls of death," to which mystic realm his wife sixteen years later followed. They were buried in what was then known as the "flower garden" of his farm, now owned by a highly respected Bohemian family. From this primitive burial place, the sacred dust of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, in the dual casket now before us, has been brought here to this Legislative Hall, to be placed by legislative enactment in the State Cemetery.

Many members of the Legislature here assembled will recall that two years ago you made provision for re-interring in the State Cemetery the remains of the patriotic heroes of Texas, who were sleeping in unmarked and unknown graves scattered throughout the State and the nation.

L. W. Kemp, a native of Texas, has been for two years by your authority devoting much time and energy to the location of the burial places of these Texas heroes, in order that their sacred ashes might be brought to Austin and placed in the State Cemetery. This is the sixteenth reinterment that has occurred here during the past eighteen months, among the number being Richard Ellis, author of the Declaration of Texas Independence, Pinckney Henderson, President of the Texas Republic, and Robert Williamson, known as "Three-Legged Willie," whose judicial decisions gave solidity and direction to the Texas Republic. These distinguished and patriotic heroes with the other immortals, who, nearly one hundred years ago, fought, bled, and died in the founding of this wonderful government, should have their burial places and their monuments here in the State Cemetery, the Texas Hall of Fame.

I want to pause here long enough to trumpet my tribute to L. W. Kemp, who, as a private citizen, has given his patriotic and unstinted services in gathering historic data, preserving historic shrines, and in digging from neglected graves "where valor proudly sleeps" immortal names, and placing them where they rightly belong in the "silent city" of the honored dead.

The man who preserves history deserves a niche in the "Temple of Fame" by the side of those who make it. "Peace hath her victories no less renowned than those of war." He who fans the flames of patriotism and preserves in peace the institutions of his country, is a hero none the less than the man who marches down the dusty road to battle, when war shakes its bristling bayonets and snaps its iron jaws.

After Sir Christopher Wren had finished the beautiful St. Paul's Cathedral in London, with all its wonderful architectural designs, and had filled it with the statuary of England's honored dead, a stranger, walking through the cathedral and reading the epitaphs upon the chiseled monuments of the country's great, turned to the guide and asked, "Where can I find the monument to Sir Christopher Wren?" The guide answered, "If you want to see the monument to Sir Christopher Wren, you have but to look about you." In the generations to come, when students of patriotic thought walk through our State Cemetery, reading the epitaphs of our heroes, and pause to inquire, where in this cemetery can be found the monument to L. W. Kemp, the guide will say, "To see his monument, you have but to look around you."

Fellow workers of the State, Texans all, well can we pause today amid the pressing duties of the House and Senate, to pay our tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, heroes of a hundred years ago. A people should never forget their historic and romantic past. A people who do not respect the heroic achievements of their ancestry, will not of themselves accomplish anything worthy to be remembered by posterity. A people who do not now and then take a backward glance at the landmarks of the past, will not develop a vision sufficient to see very far into the future. We must keep an eye on the Texas caskets of yesterday, if we would rock aright the Texas cradles of tomorrow. It is wonderful and inspiring to live in a country and belong to a people that have a rich, romantic, and heroic past.

"Give me a land where the battle's red blast

Has flashed to the future the fame of the past,

Give me a land that hath legends and lays,

That tell of the memories of long vanished days,

Yes, give me a land with a grave in each spot,

And names on the graves that shall not be forgot."

Texas is a land of "the battle's red blast." Texas is a land of "legends and lays." Texas is a land that has graves in each hallowed spot, and "names on those graves that shall not be forgot."

Mr. Bryant was one of those star actors of nearly one hundred years ago, when our forefathers, with Texas for a platform and the world for an audience, enacted the greatest drama in human history. From March 2 to April 21, 1836, our forefathers wrought out, measured by results, more deathless history than was ever made in any other fifty consecutive days in the march of man. In those fifty destiny-determining days, the Declaration of Texas Independence was written; the Alamo fell—the Alamo, where Texas heroes shook hands with martyrs! Fannin and his men died at Goliad—Goliad, where Texas martyrs kissed the lips of immortality! The Constitution of a new country was written; the President of a new Republic was elected; the Commander-in-Chief of a victorious army was commissioned; the battle of San Jacinto was fought and won: the Napoleon of the West was conquered; the tide of Anglo-Saxon civilization was turned; the map of the Western continents was remade; the boundaries of civilization were extended from ocean to ocean, and from the Mexican Gulf to the Canadian border. All this growth and glory was wrought out by such men and women as Mr. and Mrs. Bryant and their co-workers, who one hundred years ago carved out of the wilderness of the West this wonderful land of ours. No tongue is eloquent enough, no pen is powerful enough, and no genius is gifted enough, to weave into a fitting story the romantic history of the Texas pioneers, who laid broad and deep the foundations of the Texas government. There is nothing in fiction so fascinating as the facts of Texas history.

The most picturesque, the most commanding, the most challenging

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It was not long until General Houston, knowing his courage and bravery, conscripted his services to guard the Mexican border and to protect the people of Texas from Indian depredations. Major Bryant for years rendered brave and patriotic services in dealing with the Indians. He handled them by peaceful methods when possible, but when the occasion demanded, he took his faithful rifle and made "good Indians" out of them.

In 1839 near the town of Marlin, Major Bryant commanded fifty-two Texas men in a bloody, hand-to-hand fight with a band of Indians. Fifteen of his men were killed, and he himself was seriously wounded. In this

way, for many years he stood as a bulwark between the homes of Texans and the wigwams of the Indians. When peace was restored, Major Bryant retired with his family to Milam county, where he became a landowner and a home builder.

In 1857 he joined his comrades in "the silent halls of death," to which mystic realm his wife sixteen years later followed. They were buried in what was then known as the "flower garden" of his farm, now owned by a highly respected Bohemian family. From this primitive burial place, the sacred dust of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, in the dual casket now before us, has been brought here to this Legislative Hall, to be placed by legislative enactment in the State Cemetery.

Many members of the Legislature here assembled will recall that two years ago you made provision for re-interring in the State Cemetery the remains of the patriotic heroes of Texas, who were sleeping in unmarked and unknown graves scattered throughout the State and the nation.

L. W. Kemp, a native of Texas, has been for two years by your authority devoting much time and energy to the location of the burial places of these Texas heroes, in order that their sacred ashes might be brought to Austin and placed in the State Cemetery. This is the sixteenth reinterment that has occurred here during the past eighteen months, among the number being Richard Ellis, author of the Declaration of Texas Independence, Pinckney Henderson, President of the Texas Republic, and Robert Williamson, known as "Three-Legged Willie," whose judicial decisions gave solidity and direction to the Texas Republic. These distinguished and patriotic heroes with the other immortals, who, nearly one hundred years ago, fought, bled, and died in the founding of this wonderful government, should have their burial places and their monuments here in the State Cemetery, the Texas Hall of Fame.

I want to pause here long enough to trumpet my tribute to L. W. Kemp, who, as a private citizen, has given his patriotic and unstinted services in gathering historic data, preserving historic shrines, and in digging from neglected graves "where valor proudly sleeps" immortal names, and placing them where they rightly belong in the "silent city" of the honored dead.

The man who preserves history deserves a niche in the "Temple of Fame" by the side of those who make it. "Peace hath her victories no less renowned than those of war." He who fans the flames of patriotism and preserves in peace the institutions of his country, is a hero none the less than the man who marches down the dusty road to battle, when war shakes its bristling bayonets and snaps its iron jaws.

After Sir Christopher Wren had finished the beautiful St. Paul's Cathedral in London, with all its wonderful architectural designs, and had filled it with the statuary of England's honored dead, a stranger, walking through the cathedral and reading the epitaphs upon the chiseled monuments of the country's great, turned to the guide and asked, "Where can I find the monument to Sir Christopher Wren?" The guide answered, "If you want to see the monument to Sir Christopher Wren, you have but to look about you." In the generations to come, when students of patriotic thought walk through our State Cemetery, reading the epitaphs of our heroes, and pause to inquire, where in this cemetery can be found the monument to L. W. Kemp, the guide will say, "To see his monument, you have but to look around you."

Fellow workers of the State, Texans all, well can we pause today amid the pressing duties of the House and Senate, to pay our tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, heroes of a hundred years ago. A people should never forget their historic and romantic past. A people who do not respect the heroic achievements of their ancestry, will not of themselves accomplish anything worthy to be remembered by posterity. A people who do not now and then take a backward glance at the landmarks of the past, will not develop a vision sufficient to see very far into the future. We must keep an eye on the Texas caskets of yesterday, if we would rock aright the Texas cradles of tomorrow. It is wonderful and inspiring to live in a country and belong to a people that have a rich, romantic, and heroic past.

"Give me a land where the battle's red blast

Has flashed to the future the fame of the past,

Give me a land that hath legends and lays,
That tell of the memories of long vanished days,

Yes, give me a land with a grave in each spot,
And names on the graves that shall not be forgot."

Texas is a land of "the battle's red blast." Texas is a land of "legends and lays." Texas is a land that has graves in each hallowed spot, and "names on those graves that shall not be forgot."

Mr. Bryant was one of those star actors of nearly one hundred years ago, when our forefathers, with Texas for a platform and the world for an audience, enacted the greatest drama in human history. From March 2 to April 21, 1836, our forefathers wrought out, measured by results, more deathless history than was ever made in any other fifty consecutive days in the march of man. In those fifty destiny-determining days, the Declaration of Texas Independence was written; the Alamo fell—the Alamo, where Texas heroes shook hands with martyrs! Fannin and his men died at Goliad—Goliad, where Texas martyrs kissed the lips of immortality! The Constitution of a new country was written; the President of a new Republic was elected; the Commander-in-Chief of a victorious army was commissioned; the battle of San Jacinto was fought and won: the Napoleon of the West was conquered; the tide of Anglo-Saxon civilization was turned; the map of the Western continents was remade; the boundaries of civilization were extended from ocean to ocean, and from the Mexican Gulf to the Canadian border. All this growth and glory was wrought out by such men and women as Mr. and Mrs. Bryant and their co-workers, who one hundred years ago carved out of the wilderness of the West this wonderful land of ours. No tongue is eloquent enough, no pen is powerful enough, and no genius is gifted enough, to weave into a fitting story the romantic history of the Texas pioneers, who laid broad and deep the foundations of the Texas government. There is nothing in fiction so fascinating as the facts of Texas history.

The most picturesque, the most commanding, the most challenging

character that has ever walked across the pages of history is the Texas pioneer, who with axe and rifle and Bible, trekked his way through the forest, braved the dangers of the wilderness, and built at last his rude, romantic, log hut on the open prairies that stretched in silent wonder toward the setting sun. These Texas pioneers were no ruffians, desperadoes, or outlaws. They were scholars, statesmen, and patriots of far-reaching vision. They plowed with their rifles on their shoulders and worshiped with their guns stacked at the churchhouse door. As they built their rude cabins, they also laid broad foundations for the churchhouse, the schoolhouse, and the court-house.

More honorable it is to link your lineage with the pioneers of Texas, than to trace it back to the purest paladins of knighthood, because beneath the tomb of every Texas pioneer there sleeps the mouldering dust that has enriched the fields of civilization around the encircling earth.

Let us not forget that Mrs. Bryant, who at the marriage altar back in South Carolina plighted her love to young Bryant, who joined him in all his adventures, who braved with him his dangers, who suffered with him his hardships, who waited for him during watchful days and wakeful nights, whose loving hands at last placed him in his grave, and who bore his name until her death, shares jointly in the honors of this hour.

The world has never given woman her rightful place in history as a pioneer. Through the ages she has struggled by the side of man in the conquest of the wilderness. Our foremothers, as well as our forefathers, crossed the chartless ocean, and a woman's feet were first to press the bleak New England shore. With faith and hope and courage, woman climbed by the side of man the Allegheny Mountains, crossed "the Father of Waters," scaled the Rockies, and was standing by man with her face still toward the West, when the flag of civilization was unfurled on the Pacific shore. Into the wilderness of Texas she came, and with our forefathers endured the sorrows, the struggles, and the sacrifices incident to pioneer life. Mrs. Bryant fought none the less because she carried no arms, for with each

click of the trigger in fight on the San Jacinto field could be heard the click of the shuttle in the loom of the Shelby county home, and as she gathered the little ones about the fireside at eventide and battled with danger through the long night, she proved herself as courageous and trustworthy in the home as her husband on the field.

The empire builder of the world is woman. Men, in the contests and conquests and conflicts of civilization may forget those high and moral ideals of the home that make a country great—but woman, never. Man, in his struggle for greed and gold and in his scramble for place and power may turn his back on the beautiful, the noble, and the true—but woman, never. When woman has once given her love and devotion to a cause, she loves on until the end, as the heliotrope turns to the sun at the close of the day the same look that it gave when it rose.

Standing here today in this sacred presence, I pay to the pioneer women of Texas the tribute of my tears and the homage of my heart. Somewhere on Texas soil, fashioned by Texas hands, from Texas granite, should be a statue erected in memory of the pioneer women of Texas. Among the monuments of the State, this one representing the motherhood of pioneer days should tower so high that it would be first to catch the caressing beams of the morning sun and last to behold the glories of the departing day as it kissed the coming night farewell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryant were typical Texas pioneers. They represented the everyday citizen and soldier who gave historic and glorious color to those primitive days when Texas was in the making. It is this average citizen of a country that adds stability to a government. It is always and everywhere the everyday man on whom the country can rely to fight her battles in times of war and pay her taxes in times of peace. Mr. Bryant wore neither the titles nor the tinsels of a king, but on his brow glistened the beads of honest toil, nobler jewels than a monarch ever wore. In his veins flowed not the blue blood of royalty, but his every heartbeat answered to the rich, red blood of the pioneer spirit that prompted him to plant here the seed of Saxon civilization, which has

ripened into the glorious land we call the Commonwealth of Texas. Mr. Bryant must have been that typical pioneer Texan that prompted Van Dyke, in his ode to Texas, to say:

"There came to Texas
Men of mark from old Missouri,
Men of daring from South Carolina,
Tennessee, Georgia;
Men of many States and races,
Bringing wives and children with
them,
Followed up the wooded valleys,
Spread across the rolling prairies,
Building homes and reaping har-
vests.
Rude the toil that tried their
patience,
Fierce the fights that proved their
courage,
Rough the stone and tough the
timber,
Out of which they built their order!
Yet they never failed nor faltered,
And the instinct of their swarming
Made them one and kept them work-
ing,
Till their toil was crowned with
triumph,
And the country of the Tejas
Was the fertile land of Texas."

There are many State institutions here in the Capital City. Our State Cemetery will become, in the years to be, by the placing of our Texas heroes in it, an institution of patriotic learning. There is grandeur in graves, and there is glory in gloom. We gather both information and inspiration as we stand amid the tombs of a worthy ancestry.

Alexander the Great, standing at the grave of Achilles, his patriotic forefather, declared that he would for the good of his country conquer the world. It was the custom of Pericles, when he held in his hands the keys of Athenian greatness, to take the youth of the land out to the cemetery amid the monuments of the honored dead, and there have them with uplifted hands plight their love and devotion to their country. Thus, in the generations to come, well might the youth of Texas be gathered in the cemetery of the State, and there, as a part of their patriotic education, be taught the highest and noblest lessons of devotion to coun-

try. Themistocles, while looking at the monument erected by his countrymen in honor of the services of Miltiades, resolved that he would never rest until he too had rendered some unselfish and patriotic service to his country. Let us here today, fellow-workers for the State, as from our forefathers' falling hands they fling the torch and bid us carry it high, resolve that we will never rest until we, too, have helped in some way to make our country a better place in which to live. "The workman dies, but his work lives on."

Now, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, whose sacred ashes mingle together in the casket before us, Texas once more with knightly courtesy salutes you, and Texas once more with filial devotion bids you farewell. Peace be forever to your sacred dust, as we place it today with loving hands in the Texas Pantheon of the Great.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

(Monday, March 16, 1931.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Minor.

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Mr. Speaker.	DeWolfe.
Adams of Jasper.	Dodd.
Adamson.	Donnell.
Adkins.	Dowell.
Akin.	Dunlap.
Albritton.	Duvall.
Alsup.	Dwyer.
Anderson.	Elliott.
Baker.	Engelhard.
Barron.	Farmer.
Beck.	Farrar.
Bond.	Ferguson.
Bounds.	Fisher.
Boyd.	Forbes.
Bradley.	Ford.
Brice.	Fuchs.
Bryant.	Gilbert.
Burns	Giles.
of McCulloch.	Graves.
Carpenter.	Greathouse.
Caven.	Grogan.
Claunch.	Hanson.
Coltrin.	Hardy.
Coombes.	Harman.
Cox of Lamar.	Harrison
Cox of Limestone.	of El Paso.
Cunningham.	Harrison
Dale.	of Waller.
Daniel.	Hatchitt.
Davis.	Hefley.